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FOR ADMIRAL COUSINS FROM AMBASSADOR IRVING

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ICELAND OF ADMIRAL COUSINS

1. UPON RETURN TO ICELAND I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR STOPOVER HERE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR VISIT WILL BE TIME WELL-SPENT IN FURTHERING US-ICELAND DEFENSE RELATIONS. AS ALREADY CONVEYED TO YOU BY COMICEDEFOR, MRS. IRVING AND I ARE DELIGHTED MRS. COUSINS WILL ACCOMPANY YOU AND ARE PLEASED YOU WILL BE OUR GUESTS FOR DINNER TUESDAY, MARCH 25.

2. YOUR REYKJAVIK PROGRAM SHAPES UP AS FOLLOWS:

0930 ARRIVE AT EMBASSY.

1000 - 1020 OFFICIAL CALL (CIVILIAN DRESS) ON FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON (THIS IS TIME CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS BECAUSE CABINET MEETING CALLED FOR 1030). AMERICAN WILL BE: AMBASSADOR, ADMIRAL COUSINS, REAR ADMIRAL RICH AND CAPTAINS WILLIAMS AND

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PADGETT (AS YOU DESIRE).

1020 - 1100 MEETING WITH MFA DEFENSE DIVISION CHIEF PALL ASGEIR TRYGGVASON AT MFA. SAME PARTICIPANTS AS ABOVE.

1110 RETURN TO EMBASSY FOR IN-HOUSE DISCUSSIONS.

1230 - 1400 WORKING LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON AND HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BJORN BJARNASON (WHO IS ALSO FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO INDEPENDENCE PARTY). AMERICANS WILL BE AMBASSADOR (HOST), ADMIRAL COUSINS, REAR ADMIRAL RICH, AND CAPTAINS WILLIAMS AND PADGETT (TOTAL 7 PERSONS).

1500 - 1530 (TENTATIVE) PRESS CONFERENCE AT USIS.

1930 BLACK TIE DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS IRVING IN HONOR OF ADMIRAL AND MRS. COUSINS (DINNER DRESS UNIFORM FOR MILITARY). OTHER GUESTS, WITH SPOUSES, WILL BE: FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON, MFA SEC GEN PETUR THORSTEINSSON, REAR ADMIRAL RICH, CAPTAIN ROGER FARRELL, UK AMBASSADOR JOHN MCKENZIE, NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR OLAV LYDVO, FRENCH AMBASSADOR JACQUES PRADELLES DE LATOUR DEJEAN, DANISH AMBASSADOR SVEN AAGE NIELSEN, FRG AMBASSADOR RAIMUND HERGT, MAGNUS THORDARSON (NATO INFO OFFICER IN ICELAND AND SEC GEN OF ASSOCIATION FOR WESTERN COOPERATION), PAO ROBERT DICKERMAN. ALSO (WITHOUT SPOUSES) CAPTAINS WILLIAMS AND PADGETT, CDR. DOHERTY, LCDR ENGLISH. (TOTAL 30 PERSONS).

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